In the specification:

Page 1, between lines 1 and 2 insert the following heading:

Background of the Invention

Page 1, lines 2-4 amend as follows:

The invention relates to a drive system for motor vehicles ~~having the characteristics recited in the preamble to claim 1~~.

Page 1, line 5, delete the following:

~~Prior Art~~

Page 3, between lines 30 and 31, insert the following heading:

Summary of the Invention

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 as follows:

The drive system for motor vehicles according to the invention, ~~as defined by the characteristics recited in the body of claim 1~~, has the advantage that with the main drive, the secondary assembly drive, and the starter generator, three components for optimizing the power balance in the motor vehicle can be used, especially for optimizing fuel consumption, both individually and in combination, both for driving the motor vehicle and for supplying the secondary assemblies. With this drive concept, beyond a medium driving power demand, a powerful internal combustion engine is to be used in the main drive train in particular, while an internal combustion engine of lesser power is to be used in particular to drive the secondary assemblies. This secondary assembly drive also serves to start the engine in the main drive train, or as a drive at low power demand both to support the engine in the main drive train and at very high driving power demand (kick-down). With the provisions according to the invention, not only comfort-related requirements such as independent air conditioners, but also fast, quiet starting and high on-board electrical system power, as well as sharply reduced fuel consumption, can all be achieved at substantially less expense cost than in motor vehicles with hybrid drives, by choosing the optimal operating mode. The drive system according to the invention always allows flexible drive and on-board electrical system management, so that on the one hand the accumulator battery of the motor vehicle, as an electrical energy

storage means, can be dimensioned relatively small, and on the other the most favorable combination of the three drives in terms of efficiency and exhaust emissions can always be chosen.

Page 5, delete the paragraph in lines 12-4.

Page 7, line 14, amend as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawings~~Drawing~~

Page 7, line 24, amend as follows:

Description of the ~~Exemplary~~Preferred Embodiment

Page 9, lines 14-32 amend as follows:

The mode of operation of the drive system according to the invention will now be described in further detail. By the triggering of the three aforementioned clutches 14 ~~and~~, 15 and 21, the intermediate gear 18 can be decoupled completely from the engine 13 as a main drive on the one hand, and from the driving axle 17 on the other, by opening of the driving clutch 15

and the auxiliary clutch 14. Thus when the vehicle is stopped, by way of the secondary assembly drive 22 and the starter generator 20 with the shift clutch 21 closed, not only can current be generated, but mechanical power can also be output to the secondary assemblies 19. As a result, flexible supply to electrical and other consumers that is optimal in terms of consumption is achieved. In the normal travel mode, conversely, the secondary assemblies 19 are driven by the main drive train with the engine 13, and the starter generator 20 is operated as needed in the generator mode for charging the accumulator battery 23; see also Table, Case 1.